

Abstract of the case of the Portuguese
Shooner *Conceicao*, Antonio de Paulo Barbosa,
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The *Conceicao* was fitted out at Princes
Island; her papers stated that she was bound
to Cabinda for slaves with which she
was to proceed to Bahia, and that she
belonged to Donna Maria da Cruz of
Princes. She had no Royal Passport, but
she had a simple Pass given in the name
of S^{ro} Baptista de Sousa de Lucas, yet signed
by Jose's Rodrigues Patronho, and Jose
Xavier Gonzaga de Sai, who, in some of the
papers were stated Members of the Provisional
Government of Princes Island.

The *Conceicao* sailed from Princes about
the commencement of July last, and proceeded
to the Calabar River where she was
captured on the 3^d of August following by
His Majesty's Brig *Smeppen*, Lieutenant
Knight, with fifty six slaves on board: two
of the slaves died on the voyage from Calabar
to Sierra Leone.

The Master of the *Conceicao* on his
examination, stated that he understood that
Donna Maria da Cruz was the owner of
the vessel, but that he was placed in the
command

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command of the Schooner by José Xavier
Gonzaga de Sá, Member of the Provisional
Government, who also hired and shipped the
crew which consisted of twenty nine persons
including himself and the Officers. The
Master stated also that he had not seen
any bill of sale of the vessel but he understood
that she had been sold to José Xavier Gonzaga
de Sá. There was not any bill of sale
amongst the vessel's papers nor any document
showing Gonzaga de Sá's right to the
Conceicao. A passenger was on board of
the Schooner at the time of capture, his
name was Jeronimo Xavier de Sá and
he was said to be a Cousin of the Member
of the Provisional Government of Princes
Island.

The Master having admitted that he
shipped the slaves on board of the
Conceicao at Catubar, the British and
Portuguese Court of Mixed Commission
passed sentence of condemnation against
her and decreed her slaves to be emanci-
-pated.

Lisboa Lerne, September 26th, 1824.

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